(b) No specific target has been fixed regarding the length of roads to be constructed under the PMGSY for the Tenth Plan Period. As per the Guidelines of the PMGSY, the list of road works along with the length of the roads proposed to be constructed in a State is to be finalized each year by the District Panchayats.

Payment of Ex-Gratia to Sunstroke Victims

1908. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has requested for immediated release of more than Rs. 5 crore for payment of ex-gratia to the families of persons who died of sunstroke from the Prime Minister's Relief Funds; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) No Sir. This Ministry has not received any letter from the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh requesting financial assistance for payment of ex-gratia to the families of persons who died of intensive heat wave conditions in the State.

(b) Question does not arise.

Water scarcity in Southern districts of Orissa

1909. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Southern districts of Orissa are facing acute water scarcity where a number of tubewells and sanitary wells have gone defunct; and

(b) if so, help rendered by the Centre to the cash-strapped State to overcome this specially in the low level far-flung inaccessible areas of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) and (b) Government of Orissa have reported drinking water scarcity due to drought in 29 out of 30 districts in the State. Government of India provides additional Central assistance to the States to mitigate drinking water scarcity due to drought out of 5% Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) funds earmarked for addressing natural calamities and emergent situations. During the year 2002-03, Rs. 311.25 lakh and during the year 2003-04, Rs. 500.00 lakh have been provided as additional Central assistance to the Government of Orissa from this fund for addressing the drinking water problems due to drought.

T.S.C. Projects in Andhra Pradesh

1910. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when the Total Sanitation Campaign to improve the quality of life and promote sanitation in rural areas was launched in the country;

(b) the number of total sanitation campaign projects sanctioned to the State of Andhra Pradesh since its inception; and

(c) the amount that has been allotted to the above projects since its inception, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) to improve the quality of life and promote sanitation in rural areas was launched in the country in the financial year 1999-2000.

(b) and (c) Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) projects in 22 districts of Andhra Pradesh have been santioned since its inception. The total financial outlay of these projects is Rs. 360.18 crore out of which share of Government of India is Rs. 228.11 crore. The amount allocated to these projects, year-wise is given in annexed statement.